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Definition of PATRON

1

a : a person chosen, named, or honored as a special guardian, protector, or supporter

b : a wealthy or influential supporter of an artist or writer

c : a social or financial sponsor of a social function (as a ball or concert)

2

: one that uses wealth or influence to help an individual, an institution, or a cause

3

: one who buys the goods or uses the services offered especially by an establishment

4

: the holder of the right of presentation to an English ecclesiastical benefice

5

: a master in ancient times who freed his slave but retained some rights over him

6

[French, from Middle French] : the proprietor of an establishment (as an inn) especially in France

7

: the chief male officer in some fraternal lodges having both men and women members

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- <the wealthy philanthropist is one of the city's most generous *patrons* of its symphony orchestra>



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Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Medieval Latin & Latin; Medieval Latin *patronus* patron saint, patron of a benefice, pattern, from Latin, defender, from *patr-*, *pater*  
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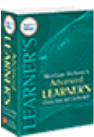


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